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1. ROYAL PROTOCOL CHIEF YANAL HIKMAT HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING GENERAL OUTLINE FOR SECVISIT. HE EMPHASIZED JORDANIANS ARE EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE AND HAPPY TO ARRANGE ANY PROGRAM DESIRED BY SECRETARY.

2. ASSUMING ARRIVAL AMMAN MORNING OF SATURDAY MAY 4 AND DEPARTURE FOLLOWING MORNING (PARA 2, REFTEL), HIKMAT SAID HE IS IN POSITION TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING GENERAL COMMENTS AT THIS TIME:

A. USUAL ARRIVAL CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT AMMAN AIRPORT, INCLUDING RECEPTION FOR MRS. KISSINGER BY WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER RIFAI, AND PROCEED TO ROYAL PALACE OR ACCOMMODATIONS DEPENDING ON SITUATION. JORDANIAN-U.S. DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT ROYAL RESIDENCE AS USUAL.

B. KING HUSSEIN PLANS HOST OFFICIAL LUNCHEON AND PM RIFAI TO HOST OFFICIAL DINNER (OR VICE VERSA), DEPENDING ON SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE. CURRENT THINKING IS THAT WIVES WOULD BE INVITED TO BOTH OCCASIONS UNLESS SECRETARY DESIRES OTHERWISE, I.E. WORKING LUNCH.
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C. IF OFFICIAL BUSINESS PERMITS, JORDANIANS WILLING
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HELICOPTER TOUR FOR SECRETARY AND
MRS. KISSINGER (PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY KING AND PM)
TO PETRA (IMPRESSIVE NABATAEAN RUIN), OR JERASH (ROMAN RUIN),
DEPENDING ON SECRETARY'S DESIRES. PETRA TRIP
VIA HELICOPTER WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT FIVE HOURS TOTAL. JERASH
TRIP WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT TWO HOURS. IN BOTH CASES SECRETARY WOULD BE
WITHOUT CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS DURING TOUR.

D. JORDANIANS ARE PREPARED MAKE SEPARATE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR MRS. KISSINGER FOR SIGHTSEEING IF SECRETARY IS
OCCUPIED WITH OFFICIAL BUSINESS. QUEEN ALIA (KING HUSSEIN'S
WIFE) IN LATTER STAGES OF PREGNANCY (EXPECTING DELIVERY IN
EARLY MAY), BUT HOPES TO SEE MRS. KISSINGER IF NOT IN
HOSPITAL AT THE TIME. WIFE OF PM RIFAI (ENGLISH SPEAKING)
WOULD ACCOMPANY MRS. KISSINGER.

E. JORDANIANS PLAN ACCOMMODATE SECRETARY AND
MRS. KISSINGER, PLUS SOME ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OFFICIAL
PARTY (IF DESIRED) IN NEW GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE CLOSE
TO PM'S RESIDENCE AND EMBASSY. OTHER PERSONS ON
SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT WILL BE HOUSED PROBABLY AT INTERCON-
TINENTAL HOTEL ACROSS STREET FROM EMBASSY.

F. JORDANIANS ALSO PLANNING PROVIDE INFORMAL BREAKFAST.

G. USUAL DEPARTURE CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT
AMMAN AIRPORT.

3. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN NEXT FEW
DAYS. HIKMAT HAS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT PRECISE
SCHEDULING (PARTICULARLY REGARDING POSSIBLE TRIPS TO PETRA
OR JERASH) WILL REQUIRE MORE EXACT TIMES RE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE. IN THE MEANTIME, WE PROPOSE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIB-
ILITY INCLUDE PETRA OR JERASH TRIP IN SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR
MRS. KISSINGER WITH POSSIBILITY SECRETARY MAY BE ABLE TO
JOIN HER.
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